Boston, Feb. 1, 1846.

Dear Caroline:

I feel much indebted to you for your attention to Martin's affair.

We continue to think that it will be necessary to send him on a whaling voyage, - & such are the circumstances, that the sooner he can go the better. I must therefore ask you to make the necessary enquiries & arrangements, & write me.

I feel particularly anxious that he should go with a captain of judicious & humane character, - of good principles & temper. It is upon the selection of a captain that I feel most desirous of your personal enquiry. As to the details of fitting him off, receiving him & the like, if you will find some honest respectable man who will attend to them, I will pay liberally. You may make any bargain or promise to this effect.

It may be necessary to send Martin to New Bedford, probably to await sailing orders & perhaps because the Hopedale people will

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not keep him longer. In any event, I think he had better go to New Bedford temporarily than stay in Boston, if this should be the alternative. Expense, I care nothing for, in comparison with other considerations. At some rate of board, I think there must be persons in N. B. who would receive him from the cars on his arrival at N.B. & would keep him comfortably. One chief desire I have is to relieve you from care & expense of time, — please therefore to avail yourself of the services of any one, two, or three persons who will attend to what I want, & I shall be glad to pay.

As to the necessary outfit for the voyage, I suppose he (Martin) can get this, of a comfortable description in N.B. at short notice.

I hope I am not trespassing too much on your time & thought —

Yr obliged friend

Ellis Gray Loring.

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